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## WAS A BRAVE LEADER OF MEN

General Lawton Died a Poor Man.

His Widow and Children Are in Manila.

His Army Friends Will Raise Funds to Pay Mort-gage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A general order will be issued from the war department today announcing the death of General Lawton at the army office and paying an appropriate tribute to his worth. It is the intention of the officials to have the remains brought to the United States for final interment, but it is not known when this can be done.

General Lawton died a poor man, although but few beyond his circle of intimate friends knew of the small pecuniary return that had come to him from his life work in behalf of his country. Therefore, some of these friends have thought proper now to come to the aid of the family, which is shown by the following statement addressed to the American people today:

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1899.—Major General Henry W. Lawton, United States Volunteers, whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, on December 18, 1899, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wife and children. The place of property purchased by him at home in California has a mortgage of half the purchase price still outstanding and unliquidated. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedness. Contributions will be thankfully received by them and be devoted to the object hereinabove set forth."

"The aid of the newspapers of the country is requested.

"Contributions will be received by the following:

"D. C. Corbin, Adjutant-General, Washington.

"John F. Weston, Acting Commissary-General, Washington.

"William Ludlow, Brigadier-General Cuba.

"William R. Shafter, Major-General San Francisco.

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The President today sent the following cablegram to General Otis:

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command which inspired his troops with his indomitable will and disregard of danger. When the story of his march through Central and Northern Luzon in the autumn of 1899 came to be written, I believe that the crowning achievement of his life of strenuous and noble service will be deemed to add lustre to American arms and secure for him an enduring place as one of the heroic figures of American history."

MANILA, Dec. 20, p. m.—Major General Lawton's body was brought from San Mateo to Manila this afternoon, his staff and a squadron of cavalry acting as escort. It was found necessary to bridge the river.

The funeral will take place from his late residence here, a mansion formerly occupied by a Spanish general. The body has been placed temporarily in a vault in El Paso cemetery, where many of the American soldiers have been interred and a guard of honor will be maintained. When Mrs. Lawton and her four children shall have completed their arrangements for returning to the United States the remains will be taken on a transport with an escort of officers for final interment, as is thought probable, in Arlington cemetery.

General Lawton's death has caused universal sorrow in Manila. No American soldier had greater popularity among all ranks, and in his dealings with the natives he commanded their respect and confidence to a remarkable degree.

The mayor who has installed him in the neighboring towns are arranging to attend the funeral in a body.

To his executive ability and personal leadership is chiefly due the brilliant execution of the plan of campaign in North Luzon, which has scattered the insurgents from San Isidro to the golf of Lingayen. That section of the island which had to be traversed during the very worst season of the year present difficulties considered by all insurmountable, but General Lawton thoroughly covered the program assigned him.

When he reached Taytay and found that the other division had not arrived, he went through to Dagupan on his own responsibility. Although he incurred great hardships with his men, he invariably shared their lot cheerfully.

Thirteen Americans, including three officers, were wounded in the engagement at San Mateo, where General Lawton was killed. Captain Brackridge's wound is not considered dangerous, although the bullet penetrated his arm and side.

It is estimated that the insurgents numbered 500 and that half of them were armed with rifles. The Americans numbered 1300, but the command had been much depleted by sickness.

The wagon train found the roads impassable and was obliged to return.

The insurgents retreated to the northeast, leaving six dead. They have other forces near Taytay. This region, although close to Manila, has proved the most difficult from which to dislodge the enemy. It is now reported that the insurgents intend to concentrate at Santa Cruz, Laguna de Bay, and in the district east of Laguna de Bay.

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PROMINENT CUBAN DEAD

Was a Lineal Descendant of the Discoverer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Nestor Ponce de Leon, a lineal descendant of Ponce de Leon, discoverer of Florida, died at Havana on Monday aged 66 years.

Mr. De Leon was born from Cuba during the ten years before this move.

This was in consequence of his activity in behalf of Cuban independence and his plantations in Havana and Pinar del Rio, said to have been valued at \$2,000,000, were confiscated by the Spanish authorities.

Upon his arrival here he became treasurer of the Cuban Junta and held that position till the end of the revolution.

His advice was often sought by the junta during the last revolution.

Mr. De Leon was the author of several works in the Spanish language and also a Spanish-English technological dictionary.

Governor General Brooke, several months ago, appointed Mr. De Leon custodian of the archives of Havana and director of the museum of natural history there.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

Secretary Root cabled as follows:

"War Department, December 19, 1899.

"Ottoman Manila: I join with the officers and men of the Eighth army corps in deepest regret over the death of their heroic comrade, General Lawton. I beg of you to convey to Mrs. Lawton expression of my sympathy. It was the ideal death of a soldier, as his splendid courage and devotion to duty has met the ideal of a soldier's life. The sad news will be announced to the army and due ceremonies of respect for his memory will be directed in general orders."

"ELIJAH ROOT."

"Secretary of War."

Secretary Long has uttered the following tribute to General Lawton, characterized:

General Lawton was in many respects an ideal soldier, single-minded, devoted to his duty, and of unequalled courage. He belongs to that class whom the world's designers as the bravest of the brave. He made a reputation on the field. I saw a good deal of him during the President's trip to Atlanta last winter and was impressed by his quiet, unassuming manner. When called upon to speak in public he answered with but a word. But somehow, as you heard that word, and looked in his face and saw the man, you felt that if anything was to be done, he was the man to do it."

Senator Fairbanks' saw the President today in regard to the return of General Lawton's body to the United States. The senator suggested that the funeral services be given something of an additional character. Secretary Root made the following statement in regard to the death of General Lawton:

"It is seldom that a loss can be called irreparable as in the case of General Lawton's death. Because he not only possessed the highest soldierly qualities, but by process of selection by actual experience had gained about universal recognition of these qualities, while he was in the full vigor of life, so that the opportunity for great usefulness and the highest command lay before him. He had not merely the quality of courage, but the quality of

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## TRAINING SHIPS NEEDED

Two Such Vessels Ur-gently Desired.

Navy Department Will Ask for Appropriation.

Warships Now Used Will Soon Be Old and Will Be Condemned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

The navy department proposes to ask Congress for \$1,000,000 to build two first-class training ships, of 3000 tons displacement each, the vessels to be sheathed and provided with auxiliary sail power as well as steam propulsion. Such ships are declared to be indispensable to maintaining a force of skilled seamen to work the workshops now in the fleet. It is estimated that the two projected vessels cannot be completed within two years, and by that time the Essex, the Lancaster and the Lancaster, which are now utilized for training purposes, will be condemned and laid up in rotten row. It is regarded as extremely important that vessels adapted to the duty shall be ready to take their places, and in the opinion of chief of navigation who is in charge of the matter, the only solution of the question is to build special ships fitted for the service.

The expedient has been temporarily adopted of utilizing the Dixie for training purposes, but it is said to be apparent already that men cannot be properly prepared and drilled for man-of-war duties, on a converted merchantman, and that the only way to keep a full complement of experienced men on the fighting ships in commission is to keep several training ships constantly engaged in whipping the raw material into shape aboard vessels devoted to the work.

The suggestion to utilize the regular cruisers and battleships for drilling green men and giving them experience by making them into the regular crews is met by the objection that such methods have been repeatedly tried with the result of demoralizing the skilled crew, and that it is poor economy to place novices on an expensive ship, where every man from the captain down must be an expert in his particular line.

Even a fleetman from the best merchant ship or the largest establishment ashore is considered an unsafe man in the hold of a highly complicated warship, and his unfamiliarity with his surroundings may lead to disaster.

It is said the enlisted strength of the navy today is nearly 4000 men short of the legal limit and of the need of the service. Serviceable ships have been thrown out of commission for lack of men and others must be laid up in a short time to furnish crews for the new battleships and torpedo boats. The authorized strength of the navy is 12,000 men and 2500 apprentices. The former number cannot be filled for lack of men and the latter is about a thousand short for lack of training ships to house them. Under the circumstances the navy department will try to induce congress to appropriate for two special ships and in the meantime to order to secure most quickly a large number of capable instructed men able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 28 to be sent out on the Dixie and familiarized as rapidly as possible with the chief requisites of the service, and then shifted to the lower ratings on regular cruisers as they become reasonably proficient.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Frost last night did considerable damage to early vegetables in some of the near-by places at Vernon and Gardena, a considerable part of the crop was blighted. The temperature reached 36 degrees above zero at the lowest point. No reports of damage to oranges has been received.

The entire Paris exposition exhibit of Southern California was shipped to San Francisco from here today. The Chamber of Commerce here has gathered and packed the exhibits which will aggregate ten thousand pounds.

At the County Teachers Institute here today a motion was made and unanimously carried that each teacher for five years contribute one percent of his or her salary to J. C. Pelton, the plowman teacher of California, who is in straitened circumstances. David St. Jordan spoke at the institute today.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Nathan Cole Jr., a large land holder in Antelope Valley, this county, has just returned from the East. Mr. Cole says that as a result of his absence Antelope Valley will soon have a big beet sugar factory in active operation. Cole and his associates own large interests in the Antelope valley and they have been at work upon the sugar factory project for a long time. The enterprise is now stated to be assured. The factory will have a capacity of 300 tons a day and will cost about \$4,000,000 to build and equip. A large sugar interest is behind the project and Mr. Cole will go east again early in January to complete the necessary details in order to secure most quickly a large number of capable instructed men able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 28 to be sent out on the Dixie and familiarized as rapidly as possible with the chief requisites of the service, and then shifted to the lower ratings on regular cruisers as they become reasonably proficient.

THE TWO SIDES

Senator Morgan Offers an Insular Resolution.

While Senator Hoar Offers a Set of Anti-Expansion Reso-lutions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The following is the text of the substitute for Senator Bacon's resolution which was offered in the senate today by Senator Morgan:

"That in pursuance of section four, article four, of the constitution, the United States will guarantee to the people of Porto Rico and the Pacific Islands and at other states and possessions within its sovereign jurisdiction and control a Republican form of government and will protect them against invasion."

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"Whereas, The American people and the several states of the union have in times past, at important periods in their history, especially when declaring their independence, establishing their constitutions or undertaking new and great responsibilities, seen fit to declare the purposes for which the nation or state is founded, and the important objects the people intend to pursue in their present action, and

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Milton M. Jack Dead.

Word was received in this city yesterday of the death of Milton M. Jack at his home near Centerville. He was taken with a stroke of paralysis about a week ago, and it resulted in his death. He was well known throughout the county. He was a brother-in-law of W. H. Hutchinson, and leaves several

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are to have a share in determining and in whose administration they have an equal share.

"Its most important and pressing obligations are:

"1.—To solve the different problems presented by the presence of different races on our soil, with equal constitutional rights. To make the negro safe in his home, secure in his vote, equal opportunity for education and employment and to bring the Indian to accordance with his need and capacity.

"2.—To enable great cities to govern themselves in freedom, honor and purity.

"3.—To make the ballot box as pure as a sacramental vessel and the election returns as perfectly in accord with the laws and the truth as the judgment of the supreme court.

"4.—To banish illiteracy and ignorance from the land.

"5.—To secure for every workman and for every working woman wages enough to support a life of comfort and an age of leisure and quiet, as befits those who have an equal share in a self-governing state.

"6.—To grow and expand over the continent and over the islands of the sea, just so fast and no faster, as we can bring into equality and self-government under our constitution peoples and races who will share these ideals and help to make them realities.

"7.—To set a peaceful example of freedom which mankind will be glad to follow, but never to force even freedom upon unwilling natives at the point of the bayonet or at the cannon's mouth.

"8.—To abstain from interfering with the freedom and just rights of other nations and people to remember that the liberty to do right necessarily involves the liberty to do wrong, and that the American people have no right to take from any other people the birthright of freedom because of a fear that they will do wrong with it."

Brumby Monument.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The Journal today started a fund for the erection of a monument to the memory of Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby. The fund is to be subscribed to by Georgians generally and the monument will be erected in Atlanta.

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## BAISIN REVIEW

M. Theo. Kearney's  
Able Address

Before the Fruit Growers' Convention.

Outlines the Work Accomplished and Indicates Future Policy of the Association.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—This morning's session of the fruit-growing convention was one of great interest not only to the members, but it means much for the agriculture of this great state.

M. Theodore Kearney of Fresno, president and general manager of the California Raisin Growers' Association, opened the discussion of the season's output and operation of co-operative organizations, fruitfulness, varieties of fruits to be encouraged, etc., and co-operation among the farmers as applied to the raisin industry.

Mr. Kearney spoke as follows:

**Fellow Fruit Growers:** The question "How shall we market our crops so as to produce the best results?" is one that is attracting the greatest attention among the fruit growers of California. Having had some experience in endeavoring to solve the problem for the benefit of the raisin growers, there has been a considerable demand made upon me for information concerning the methods adopted by us, and I therefore desire with your permission to avail myself of the favorable medium of the proceedings of this convention in meeting this demand. Raisins have been produced in California for many years, but it was not until 1885 that the quantity reached the round figure of 10,000,000 pounds. The production rapidly increased each year thereafter until nine years later, or in 1894, the output was 100,000,000 pounds. During this period, which was one of great prosperity in the United States, the demand was in excess of the supply, except in 1894, and the raisins were sold at 10 cents per shipping point, at steadily advancing prices. The panic of 1893 and the excessive crop of 1894, together with the dishonest and suicidal practices of some packers in filling orders with raisins of a quality much inferior to the grades indicated in the box marks, brought about a total change in the methods of marketing the crop.

**CONSIGNMENT SYSTEM.**

Thereafter the dealers in the East refused to pay for raisins except after arrival and upon examination; and as the demand was very much reduced by this change, and the crop of 1894 was much in excess of previous years, the growers were obliged to ship their raisins East on consignment. I think we have all learned the bitter lesson of the consignment system and I need say no more on this point than that with nearly every crop in the hands of a separate broker (for there were always as many agents selling the crops as there were growers) each grower's crop was used against every other grower's crop to beat down the price and ruin the market. The logical result of all this was that when the commissions, freight, packing and other charges were paid the grower had not only nothing left for his labor, but was actually out of pocket on their trans-

action—in fact, raisins dropped to \$8 per ton in Fresno in 1897 and the farmers found it cheaper to use them, and did so use them as a substitute for barley in feeding their work horses.

As a further result of this condition great areas of raisin vineyards throughout the state were uprooted, and in Fresno county alone the Assessors' books show a reduction in acreage in two years of 10,000 acres, representing a loss to the growers in labor and material of at least \$100 per acre or \$1,000,000. Of course, the new and spread rule to the raisin growers and hundreds of individuals were foreclosed, and the farmer and his family turned adrift to compete in an already overcrowded labor market tramping about the state in search of 4 days work.

You will naturally ask "Was not this attempted to put a check upon this condition of things?" I answer "Yes." For three years efforts were made to organize the growers, but without success. I regret to say that farmers as a class are somewhat loath to extend themselves to the extent of suspicion at the wrong time and to an absence of it at the right time. It is also unfortunate that in large business affairs they appear to be lacking in masterful business ability and broad views which are so necessary and are so conspicuous in the many large undertakings in commercial life. It requires great patience and greater perseverance to win the confidence of the public, and the ability of uniting and unifying leaders, they can be depended upon to fall into line and stay there, however fierce the battle may rage.

To form an organization that will win the confidence of the fruit growers and command success it is essential:

**WELL PAID OFFICERS.**

First, that capable men shall be selected as its own officers, and let me say at this point that growers should not commit the fatal error of refusing to pay sufficient compensation to the services of able business men wanted by shrewd men everywhere, and as these services command high salaries as such men can use their time with large profit in their own affairs it is useless to expect to secure them at a low price. Suppose the Raisin Growers' Association had been organized last year at five dollars a year, each of \$25,000 in all, the investment would, it appears to me, have been a good one, for in the little side issue of selling the surplus grapes to the wineries those directors, their firms, and business journals could have an understanding between the various companies and compelled them to advance their prices for grapes \$3 per ton, or equal to \$100,000 on the crops purchased this season. Again, in naming prices for this year's crop of raisins, the directors first and foremost should be selected from the ranks of the market both in the United States and abroad and advanced the prices over last year's more than 10 cents per pound, or equal to an increased profit to the growers on this year's crop of \$300,000. If we should figure on the cost of raising the crop, which would have been without the aid of the association, the increased return would amount to at least a million and a half of dollars. It should, of course, be understood that high salaries should only be paid to those who can furnish ample proof in what they have previously accomplished of their ability to earn them.

The packers, as well as the service men, should be compensated for their services to pack and sell our raisins for an agreed price, but the working of the system gave rise to so much friction the packers, never having been subject to control previously, that at the beginning of the year I called a meeting of the growers to agree to do their own packing and selling independently of the packers, but without avail, there being a large minority who feared to venture. A new contract with the packers was therefore entered into under which we have worked this season, which was not successful, the packers not being willing to do the work at the price asked for and we were obliged to scale down their applications. This it would seem should be entirely satisfactory to the growers, but the fault I find with it is that it stimulates a fierce rivalry among the packers both to secure raisins from the growers and to force down the price of the product.

**PROFITS DIVIDED.**

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**A New York Fire.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three persons were burned to death and one seriously injured at a fire that occurred at 11:45 a.m. this morning in a tenement at 140 south First street, in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn. The dead are: Mrs. Gosscher, 65 years of age; Mrs. Susan Smythe, 85 years, Luke Felt, 51 years.

Mrs. Felt, wife of Luke Felt, jumped from the second story window and broke her leg.

**Steamboat Man Robbed.**

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Frank Dimick, a local steamboat man, was robbed of \$300 in negotiable securities on the steamship *Umalla* between Seattle and Victoria. It is believed that the robbery was committed by a gang of New York bank thieves, as the police were unable to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant their arrests. Through a go-between, however, the police succeeded in forcing the gang to restore the plunder he had taken.

the trade shall come to rely upon the association's trade mark as a guarantee of quality, and that the same will be used in the sale of products for credit, in the advertising and sales practice of some shippers and importers in placing choice fruit on the poor and worn-out market in the middle and upper classes of the country. The only way to do this is to have the product which takes the packer out of the hands of the individual. I have said that 75 per cent of the crop of the state or Coast should be secured. In my judgment it would be useless to hope to control the price of prunes, but if more than 75 per cent of the crop of the Coast were packed in competition with the association's crop.

Third, Do not at the beginning ask the farmer to subscribe large sums of money to help him, as you will then be compelled to make him pay it back. If you find it necessary to make him pay, this, I think, was the mistake made last summer in the attempt to organize the devious fruit growers. When you have absolute control of the crop you can easily force the packers to give you what you want, and then you can expect to get a good price for picking before you begin this important work, and even if you do not succeed in making such arrangements, you will still be in a position to do so.

One of the greatest difficulties we have in the organization of the raisin industry was to convince the packers that if we would cut loose from the packers and companion men, we could help him to secure advances on his crop, but he quickly found that as soon as the title to 75 per cent of the raisin crop of the state, even before it was grown, was given to him in the association, the banks were quite willing to loan the grower credits on the association, a reasonable amount payable out of the proceeds of the crops when sold.

**CAMPAIGN OF ORGANIZATION.**

Fourth, Although the last of the four essentials I desire to bring to your attention is the campaign of organization. You will find among the mass of farmers, and especially among those who have been fairly successful, an apathy, a dense, dogged indifference and incapacity to grasp the possibilities and problems of organization, and in many cases the result of the campaign of organization is nil.

"The forthcoming report of the department," said Mr. Buffington, "will be like the others, comprehensive and accurate. For that reason it will be valuable. While I am not at liberty to say what the report will show, I may say, from my observation of the industrial field, that it will show a marked decrease in the number of strikes and lockouts during the period from 1885 to 1900, as compared with the preceding year."

**RAISINS SHOWING.**

This year the crop is estimated at 2700 carloads of 10 tons each, and the organization of the banks will support the market for them, and we therefore make our guarantee of prices a leading feature of our organization. I wish also to say that I have by experience learned this fact that it is not a low price in itself that will make a market for our products, but much more than that is the good will and credit and prestige of the trade that will secure customers for us.

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# SANTA FE OFFER

Is Considered By the Trustees.

City Board In Session Until Midnight.

Bonds For the New City Hall—  
Bids For Printing and Advertising.

The City Trustees were in session last night until 12 o'clock, talking over various problems and deciding a few. All the members of the board were present.

The first petition was from the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad asking for the privileges recently outlined in the Republican and affecting streets and alleys in the vicinity of the Valley depot. The petition was signed by Attorney McGlinn, lobbyist for the Santa Fe. Accompanying the petition was an offer from the road officials agreeing to dedicate a portion of their reservation for street purposes and also to establish their division headquarters in this city.

The body of the petition itself was as follows:

"We, petitioners, the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company, respectfully, show to your honorable body as follows:

"That the public interest will be greatly enhanced by having the following portions of streets in the vicinity of Fresno closed and vacated, to-wit:

"From the southwesterly line of Tular street southerly to the city limits at intersection of Q street with the Pollasky branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.

"Kern, Lucy and Mono streets, each street, from a line which is located 40 feet northeasterly from and parallel to the northeasterly boundary line of the alley running through blocks 144, 143, 142 and 141 northeasterly to the southwesterly line of the alley running through blocks 154, 153, 156 and 157.

"Santa Clara street from a line which is located 40 feet northeasterly from the northeasterly boundary line of the alley running through blocks 140 and 178 northeasterly to the city limits.

"That the public interest will also be subserved by having that portion of the alley running through block 155 from the most westerly line of lot 7 of said block southerly to the city limits."

The petition goes on to state that the changes are necessary for carrying on the business of the road.

Tupper moved the petition be granted for the purpose, as he said, of getting it before the house. Albin seconded it, with the same understanding. Tupper suggested a short recess to consider ways and means of allowing the petition and closing up the streets in accordance with their request.

Spilney didn't think a recess was necessary. The only question to be considered was whether or not the city should yield up its rights to the corporation in such a manner that these rights could never be redeemed. The plan and the petition prepared by the corporation looked nice enough, on paper, he said, but it might not be so well for the municipality to irretrievably surrender its rights to the Santa Fe.

Albin was of the same opinion, as Spilney and Moore expressed the same sentiments.

A. P. McGlinn was present and made a short speech explaining the terms of his company's request. They wanted to make Fresno a division headquarters and it would be necessary to close the streets in order to do so. The switching usually done at a division point could not be done unless the streets are closed. He said the closing of the streets would not interfere with the right of the city to lay water and gas mains or maintain electric lights.

The matter was referred to the street committee with power to act. The committee will meet today.

The City Attorney was given permission to stipulate with Arthur R. Briggs so that the latter would be allowed to plow up the Palge tract, now involved in litigation.

Spilney called attention to the condition of the brick walls of the new Baptist church, which, he said, were unsafe. "Don't mind people going to church," said he, "but I don't want them to get hurt."

Overseer Brooks, who has charge of the work of construction, tried to explain, but when he had concluded Tupper arose and said he thought Spilney was right. "If the walls should fall in," said he, "the church people would probably go to a better place than where they are now, but still I think we ought to be a little cautious."

The Valley road was given permission to connect its depot with the sewer system.

The City Street Improvement Company asked for an extension of 60 days on their contract for paving K street between Mariposa and Tulare streets.

J. S. Carroll, agent for the company, explained that the Superintendents had not yet decided to withdraw the injunction forbidding the performance of the contract. The petition was granted.

P. E. Struck was given permission to wear a special policeman's star without pay, provided he carried on his operations at Armory hall only.

The request of the Republican for permission to erect a sheaf in the rear of its establishment on J street was referred to the fire and water committee.

The proposed bitumening of the Chinatown streets and alleys was abandoned at the request of an alleged majority of the property owners.

Moore was opposed to closing the work without determining whether or not the signatures were bona fide. "I want to see these streets paved," said he.

"I don't see why," said Tupper. "I don't care, for I never go over there."

"I go over to buy lottery tickets," answered Moore.

The petition of Fred Dodd, for a liquor license was read for the second time and granted. Others were granted as follows: St. George Vlmyred, A. Hunault, Bray & Angel, Lorenzo Romer, Kutter-Goldstein Co. The petition of the Gambrinus saloon was read for the first time and went over under the rules.

E. Larquier asked permission to remove his saloon from H street to I street, granted.

A. R. Ashbrook, driver of chemical No. 1 was granted a ten days' lay off. L. M. Maxwell was also given his vacation.

Albin reported on behalf of the committee that had gone to San Francisco. He said that at a social meeting of the board at Mrs. Tupper's, Mr. Tupper was not present, so he resolved upon himself, Mr. Spilney and Mr. Moore to take the trip. He discussed the work of the convention and the trophy slides and banquets which followed it. Moore also spoke on the matter, giving his experience.

Spilney also stated that he had profited by his trip to San Francisco and was not sorry that he had gone.

He spoke of several things that had been accomplished, and of the prestige

Fresno had gained. He stated that it was his intention to call a mass meeting of citizens in the near future to discuss means of some improvement in order that he might report as a member of the committee on streets appointed by the league.

Tupper thought the members who had gone to San Francisco should be complimented for the work they had done and made a speech thanking them. Their work was on motion, ratified by the full board and Fresno was voted a permanent member of the league.

A number of bills were read and allowed on recommendation of the finance committee.

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Spilney's ordinance regulating the licenses to be paid by dealers in sewing machines and pianos was read for the first time. They are to be taxed for a quarter each.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance imposing a license on blacksmiths.

Moore wanted to impose a license on doctors, dentists and lawyers also, but the suggestion did not take very well with the other members of the board.

The bill for the city printing and advertising for the coming year were then read. There were no alterations.

"After the firm dissolved, Mr. Church continued to practice in Chicago and La Porte, where he came to California to transact some business, and was so pleased with the people and the climate that he brought his family to this state in June of the same year and settled in Fresno, not however engaging at once in business. In January, 1852, Mr. Church represented the Fresno Board of Trade at Los Angeles as manager of the Fresno exhibit and with free wine and raisins created a great sensation among the tourists, which resulted in much emigration to Fresno. Mr. Church then began the practice of his profession in Los Angeles, but in the spring of 1853 returned to Fresno to be near his children, who had located here. He opened an office in Temple Bar, where he engaged in professional duties.

"Mr. Church was married in La Porte in 1842 to Miss Auguste Prentiss and their union has been blessed with four children, two sons and three daughters. One of the latter, Mrs. H. C. Hardin, still lives in Chicago; another, Mrs. T. A. Fisher, resides in Omaha; the other daughter, Mrs. J. M. Collier resided in Fresno until May, 1891, when she died. The son Jessie F. Church resides in Fresno."

Mr. Church was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the city of Fresno in 1852. In the fall of 1852 he was nominated by the Republican party to succeed W. D. Tupper as District Attorney. He ran against E. S. Van Meter and was elected by a good majority. During his two years in office a number of celebrated cases, including those of Heath, Dr. Vincent Evans and Son, and Anna and Morris Morell, were tried in this county.

When the court was reorganized in 1853 he was elected chairman and served the city faithfully until the close of his term in the spring of 1855.

**A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.**

**Over \$200 Cleared at the School Entertainment.**

City Superintendent of Schools Malone reported that the school entertainment of last Saturday night was a financial success, it being found that \$200 had been cleared above expenses. This is about \$40 more than was cleared at the entertainment two years ago.

At a meeting of the school faculty held yesterday afternoon, the entertainment was passed, thanking the teachers of the public schools and the leaders of the free kindergarten for the work they had freely given toward getting up the entertainment for the benefit of the high school library. They also declared that they hoped to be able to return the compliment some day. Similar resolutions were adopted by the students' association.

**FRESNO'S WRITE-UP.**

**Meeting Today to Consider It—President Buell Coming.**

The committees of the Chamber of Commerce having in charge the collection of matter for Fresno's portion in the San Joaquin Valley Association's write up in Sun set, will meet at 1:30 this afternoon in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to talk the matter over and exchange suggestions for the best way of representing Fresno's claims to the recognition of the Eastern prospective settler.

S. F. Booth, vice president of the chamber, is in receipt of a letter announcing that President P. A. Buell and Phil M. Francis, the newspaperman, will arrive in Fresno this Friday evening. On Friday Mr. Buell and Mr. Booth will meet in San Francisco in consultation with the Southern Pacific Company officials in regard to arrangements for Eastern excursions.

**HIS LIFE CLOSED.**

**Firman Church Dies After a Lingering Illness.**

**His Long and Active Career—District Attorney and City Trustee of Fresno.**

Firman Church, formerly District Attorney of Fresno county and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Fresno, died last Sunday at his home on Stanislaus street.

Mr. Church had been suffering for two or three years with liver and kidney trouble and was taken seriously sick about a month ago with a severe cold. He grew worse and died Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Church was a prominent attorney of Fresno though he had not engaged actively in public affairs during the last few years of his life. He was a man of careful habits and had accumulated a small fortune.

The deceased had numerous relatives in Fresno. He had been married over fifty years, and Mrs. Church, their son, Jesse P. Church and daughters, Mrs. A. C. Harding of Chicago and Mrs. Thomas A. Fischer of Omaha, survive him. Among his other relatives are his first cousin, M. J. and George E. Church of Fresno; his brother C. D. Church of Fresno and a cousin, Miss Eva T. Church of Omaha.

Mr. Church is a Unitarian and was a member of the Unity Society during its existence. He was a Mason, having

joined Valparaiso Lodge in Indiana, but after arriving in Fresno he became ill, so that course he could not receive into the local lodge. For this reason the local lodge will not admit him to membership in a body, although they are Indians, will pay him that tribute of respect. In politics he was originally a Republican, but later became independent in politics and finally joined the fusion forces.

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# DR. ANDREWS' PREDICTION

If England is Successful, What?

The Powers Will Unite to Resist Her Advance.

And Then, When War of Nations Does Come, Which Side Will the United States Take?

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—If Great Britain is ultimately successful in South Africa the powers of the world will unite to resist successfully her advance. A coalition will be formed against British domination and when this war of the nations comes, which side will the United States take? We must take one side or the other. That will be a sad day for our nation. Yet I say we never have got into a scrape yet that we did not get out of. And as a proprie

America I tell you we will get out of this foreign entanglement.

The foreign statement was made by Dr. Benjamin Andrews, former president of the Brown University and now superintendent of the Chicago public schools in his address on "The War in South Africa," at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church last evening. The occasion was the men's forum meeting and Dr. Andrews startled his hearers by the declaration that international war inevitably would follow the success of Great Britain in the Boer war. He announced that from the moment that Kruger's followers surrendered, England necessarily would come in conflict with other powers in carrying out its plans of colonization.

He declared that classes would follow the attempt to build the Cape to Cairo railroad and that the contemplated efforts of Great Britain to build a railroad from the Suez canal to Bombay, which would give that nation a direct means of throwing munitions of war into the lands about the headquarters of the Euphrates would be resisted.

The address of Dr. Andrews was heard by an audience that packed the chapel. Several times he referred to the wrongs of the African people, both in the United States and in Africa, and his words brought out great cheering.

## HOME OIL CO.

Wins in the Contest With the Nevada Sierra Oil Co.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—This morning in the federal circuit court Judge Toss gave his decision in writing on the application of the Nevada Sierra Oil Company for a receiver of the Home Oil Company's oil property at Coalinga, Fresno county, and held that the two notices of location of the oil territory, under which the Nevada Sierra Oil Company claimed the ground, were invalid and of no effect, because they had never made a sufficient discovery of mineral oil under either of the locations and in addition held the last location to be void for the additional reason that it was a subsequent and invalid location, having been made while the Home Oil Company was in actual possession, exploring for and developing oil, and without the Home Oil Company's knowledge and by misrepresentations made to one of its officers. This ruling practically settles the controversy to this ground as far as the Nevada Sierra Oil Company which is the successor to the Dewey Mining Company, is concerned, in favor of the Home Oil Company, which discovered the first oil on the ground as oil territory.

## A COURT ROOM SCENE.

A Defendant in a Texas Court Fatally Wounded.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Tex., says: The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder and abortion, and a son of the same, ended today, when Hugh Wheat, 24 years old, a brother of Mrs. Wheat, 24, son of the doctor's alleged victim, shot and mortally wounded the defendant, in a crowded court room. Court had just convened. The state introduced as the first witness Hugh Wheat, who walked into the court room with his hat on, came up to the railing where the defendant sat, pulled a pistol and shot Dr. Jenkins in the back, the ball passing near the spinal column, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran towards the door. John Halligan, a brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed it up and fired at Wheat, missing him. Wheat and Halligan were both put in jail later, but the latter was released on bonds of \$500. The condition of Dr. Jenkins is serious.

## SPECIAL SESSION

Michigan Legislature Meets at Call of Governor.

The Purpose is to Submit an Amendment to State Constitution.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Michigan legislature met in special session at noon today in response to the call of Governor Pingree. The Governor's object is to secure passage of a joint resolution providing for submission to the people of the general election next November of an amendment to the state constitution dealing half way upon the same basis for taxation of all other property. At present the state tax specific taxes upon gross earnings.

Interest in the special session is increased by the fact that the grand jury has returned indictments alleging bribery against some of the legislators, is still in session here. Speaker Adams of the house of representatives, who is one of the indicted men, presided today as usual.

The message of Governor Pingree was read this afternoon before the joint session of the two houses. It urged passage of the proposed joint resolution so as to permit enactment of laws by the next legislature for equal taxation of all property at its true cash value. Said the governor:

"The inequality of our system of taxation is great that the legislative steps should be taken to remedy it."

The question involved had for years been exhaustively discussed and was therefore no longer properly open for debate, but called for energetic action.

The Governor referred to the history of the Atkinson railway taxation bill, which was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court and re-

## NEW STATION ON PACIFIC

South Pacific Station Probable.

Will Be Established Soon as Matters Are Settled

In the Philippines and War Ships Can Be Spared From That Squadron.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In view of the number of flag offices available for the duty there is reason to believe that a South Pacific station will be established as soon as conditions in the Philippines admit of the withdrawal of some of the ships now under Rear Admiral Watson's command.

The importance of a dock on the western coast of South America has been thoroughly appreciated in naval circles, but because of the limited number of ships and flag officers it has not been possible to maintain in a station there, and for this reason the Pacific was placed under the command of one officer.

The extension of American sovereignty over some of the Samoan Islands, and the prospective establishment of a coaling station in the Galapagos group are indications of the importance of the South Pacific in the eyes of several of the Paris journals.

Orders have been issued by the navy department, directing that the battleship Massachusetts, as well as the Indiana, be placed in reserve at the League Island Navy yard. The Massachusetts is now undergoing repairs at New York. It is proposed to keep a large crew on board each of these vessels and to retain their present commanding officers. They will be kept in condition for immediate sea service. The men obtained from the battleships will be used for service on board the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky when they are placed in commission early in the new year. The landsman training ship Hartford, under the command of Commodore J. M. Hawley, is expected to leave San Francisco in a few days for Hampton Roads, where she will arrive next June.

The British public is awaiting with the keenest apprehension the first indication of active hostility from continental enemies.

A reconstruction of the cabinet is eagerly discussed in political circles.

Many deem it imperative that its old and useless members, like Goschen and Cross, shall be sacrificed.

Lord Salisbury, oppressed with public and private difficulties, is said to be in danger of losing his life, but it is represented to him that his disappearance would inevitably cause a total collapse of the administration.

A dead set is being made against Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, on the ground of his alleged refusal to provide adequate funds for the transport at an earlier stage of the war.

It is also suggested that Mr. Chamberlain's retirement may be forced by party pressure, confidence in him being completely shaken.

Should the war continue much longer without a decisive British success the formation of a national coalition ministry is certain, with Lord Rosebery as foreign minister and probably Mr. Asquith as secretary, Lord Salisbury retaining the premiership, but dividing a portion of the portfolio to the liberal imperialists.

These and other rumors flying wildly around in the political clubs show how entirely the feeling that the empire is in danger is obliterating the most deeply marked party divisions.

WHAT ADMIRAL BEKEFORD SAID.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview today as saying: "The issue of the war will depend more upon strategy than anything else especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places where the biggest battles are expected. Therefore, I urge that all the naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and other ships be mounted on artillery trains and timbers for field service immediately. This move is necessary, as there are no quick firing 12-pounders of twelve hundred weight in the army."

"The government should immediately commission every ship in the division of the navy as a useful precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition.

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ENGLAND'S LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British losses in killed, wounded, prisoners and missing throughout the campaign now reach the enormous total of 7539. This does not include the troops besieged, and thus neutralized in Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafekeng. These forces consist respectively of 11,000, 4000 and 6000 men, making the grand total of British losses, either killed, wounded, prisoners or neutralized, in the neighborhood of 25,000 men, or about 25 percent of the British effective in South Africa.

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ist article, remarks upon the difficulty

of decision in such a crucial matter,

and says:

"Besides three generals in the field,

all of whom need to be reinforced,

there is the rebellion in Cape Colony to be considered. This makes four pressing calls on the Fifth Division.

General Smith has ensured insur-

gencies' strength at Leopold and Ram-

beron, the navy co-operating. One man

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READY FOR ESCAPE.

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A Quiet Day in Congress—The  
Speaker's Committee Assignment  
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#### THE SENATE.

**WASHINGTON.** Dec. 14.—The senate today had a brief vote, especially without discussion, last night at which the Pittenger resolution as to whether or not the United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. It agreed to the house Christmas recess resolution and agreed to meet tomorrow to receive reports on the complexion of its committee for this congress.

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#### GOOD DEMOCRACY.

**WASHINGTON.** Dec. 14.—Two joint resolutions were introduced in the house today by Representative Williams of Mississippi, which are the result of consultation among a number of Democratic leaders in the house and are understood to be expressive of their general position on the Philippines. The first resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippines and withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to refund the \$70,000 paid by the United States to Spain to give us a suitable naval and coaling station and grant in perpetuity free access to their ports. Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign intervention or aggression for ten years, during which time the foreign affairs are to be under American control. The other resolution provides information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the Sultan of Jolo and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether their statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sultan people.

#### WILL NOT REDEMPT CHECKS.

**WASHINGTON.** Dec. 14.—Commissioner Williams of the international money bureau has decided that he will not redeem at the beginning of the new year imprinted checks because there may be printed or engraved in the date line the figures "1899" or "1898." Holders of these checks will be expected to exhaust their supply, write in the figures "1900" or stand the loss."

#### TREATY RIGHTS.

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None of the members of the board has as yet expressed any definite opinion as to the closing of the streets except Mr. Tupper, who is understood to favor the granting of the railroad company's request. A meeting of the committee will probably be held in a few days to decide upon a report to be presented to the board.

It is pretty generally understood that the nature of the report will be a request for the calling of a mass meeting of citizens and business men to consider the matter. Trustees Spink and Chairman Craycroft heartily approve of H. The meeting will be called in his name and the board will abide by the decision of the property owners. If they want the streets closed the board will act accordingly, but if the sentiment of the meeting is against the railroad the trustees will deny the request. At the same meeting will be considered other matters relating to street work and the railroad act will be discussed. The meeting will probably be held soon after the holidays.

Whatever may be the decision of the trustees we hope to the closing of the streets the board will not abandon all right to the highways. They will insist on retaining the privilege of maintaining gas and water mains and electric lights on the reservation; also to open up the streets at any time they see fit.

As stated yesterday morning the railroad people backed up their request for opening the streets with a counter offer to the city. This offer contains several important features and is as follows:

The undersigned, the San Francisco & San Joaquin Valley Railway Company has presented to your Honorable Board a petition asking for the valuation of certain streets on which are located its right of way stations, grounds, tracks and depots, in the southwestern half of block 128, 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144, and on the southwesterly halves of blocks 154, 155, 156, 157 and 158.

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The proposition to close the streets referred to in our petition is made for the purpose of re-adjusting our depot yards in order to arrange the same for transaction of the business of a division point for our railroad, making Fresno a division station."

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Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Martin of the Christian church. In accordance with the wish of the family everything was done in a very simple manner. The pallbearers were O. L. Everts, W. G. Holland, C. C. Merriam, J. G. Rhodes, A. E. Snow and G. L. Warlow.

A long funeral procession followed the remains to the cemetery, where they were interred in the Adventist church plot.

The Fresno Bar Association held a short meeting yesterday afternoon at which a committee was appointed to draft a resolution to their late testator attorney. The committee, composed of O. L. Everts, chairman, M. E. Harris, A. E. Snow, J. E. F. Edwards and G. E. Church. The resolutions will be presented to the court in banc on January 8th, the court assembling at 10 o'clock for that purpose.

**OUR INDUSTRIES**

Committee Appointed on Advertising.

To Collect Facts and Photo for the San Joaquin Valley Write-Up.

A meeting of the Fresno county delegation of the Valley Commercial Association was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. S. P. Booth of Fresno county vice-president, presided, and Messrs. Bernard, Wyer, Ashbrook, Shuckett, Collier, and Albion were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to make arrangements to receive President Buell of the Valley association and Messrs. Francis, who are touring the valley in the interest of the association.

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The party consists of Mr. Ellert, wife and daughter, Fred Hantschke, his son-in-law, and wife, and W. J. Ellert's wife. Word has been received from them that they are now on the way. Immediately upon arrival here they will settle down to housekeeping.

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After some discussion, Chairman Booth appointed C. F. Wyer and C. A. Shattuck a committee to secure statistics and reading matter for presentation, and J. M. Collier and M. V. Ashbrook a committee to gather photographs.

On motion, the chairman was authorized to appoint a general committee of representative Fresno citizens, each one of whom would be a specialist in some industry, to meet Messrs. Buell and Francis in consultation as to advertising. After consultation, Mr. Booth appointed the following:

Dairying—Mrs. Dr. Sherman and Martin Madsen.

Raisins—William Forsyth and G. B. Noble.

Wine and Brandy—Colonel Trevelyan, G. H. Mather, H. C. Engers and Al Lachman.

Citrus Fruits—W. G. Uridge and F. G. Berry.

Deciduous Fruits—J. P. Johnston and B. C. Hutchinson.

Dried Fruits—P. H. Lynch and W. M. Grimes.

Ceramic—M. W. Muller, F. M. Miller, F. P. J. Imreigh.

Founding—George R. Andrews, E. H. Mitchell, R. J. Venn, S. J. Hunter and J. B. Ure.

Stock Raising—A. V. Lisenby and G. L. Warlow.

Fruit—George C. Roeding and T. J. Hammond.

Olives—M. Archibald and G. C. Roeding.

Irrigation—John McMullin, T. C. Bridgeman and C. A. Collins.

Lumber—F. A. Boule, C. S. Pierce, F. K. Prescott and R. B. Butler.

Manufacturing—W. D. Coates, John McNulty and W. J. Ellert.

Electric Power—J. J. Seymour.

Mining—W. H. McKenzie, M. V. Ashbrook and W. H. Daly.

Oil—T. G. Hart and J. L. Gray.

Mountain Resorts—J. M. Collier, H. Collier and A. W. Ferguson.

Wood—W. J. Dickey and J. D. Collier.

Honey—J. C. McCubbin.

As it is not known just when Messrs. Buell and Francis will arrive, no time was fixed for meeting with them, but announcement will be made in the papers before they arrive.

**For Letters Testamentary.**

Cyrus M. Davis yesterday applied for letters of administration on the estate of Josiah D. Davis, who died on the 1st of November, 1892.

The proposition to close the streets referred to in our petition is made for the purpose of re-adjusting our depot yards in order to arrange the same for transaction of the business of a division point for our railroad, making Fresno a division station."

**AT THE OIL WELLS**

News From the Coalinga Field.

Commercial Petroleum Company Abandons Its Well—Many Rigs Going Up.

Hugh Phipps, representing Easton, Bridgeman & Company at Coalinga, where he has been located for the last three months, was in town last night, and reported that there was increased activity at the oil district and that preparations are being made for the sinking of many wells.

The Investment Oil Company, in which Holsey and Jones of the Bank of California are interested, have set up a boring rig in section 18 (19-15) and the Westlake-Rommell people, whose location is in the canyon back of Alcalde, have also put up a rig. The California Oil and Gas Company is preparing to commence work on the Graham well, which was abandoned as the gas had forced the clay into the casing. Easton & Bridgeman have completed the rig for the Santa Clara and expect to begin boring on the 1st of the year. The well is located on the excess of section 19-14. The pipe line has been completed from the Royal oil well, a distance of about a mile and a half.

An oil well has been drilled at the Royal, which Mr. Phipps considers as an important discovery. Indeed, so he believes, that the oil said lies south west of oil city as well as south east.

The Oil City Petroleum Company has received 40 feet of 16-inch casing, delivered at its well. This is the largest casing in the district.

The rig for the Independence well, in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, has been hauled to its place and will soon be put up.

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Fifteen-sixteenths of the sugar handled in and out of Illole is brought here by lighters and coasting craft.

To handle the sugar from Negros to Illole and to load it on vessels in Illole there are 250 schuoners and lighter boats known locally as Lorchas, 200 of the 250 are owned by foreigners—Englishmen and Chittamen principally.

Spain, during her regime, promulgated a similar order that solved the difficulty by permitting straw ownership of the coasting vessels. The vessels were registered in the name of a subject of Spain, but in reality was the property of their British or Chinese owners. The United States officials refer to this order followed Spain's example. There were three American citizens available at Illole for this decision.

As a good solution to the trouble could be found if the Philippines would take the oath of allegiance to the United States, but they decline. They say they are ignorant of the future; that they do not know which of the competing parties will eventually win.

They may now withdraw from the United States, may withdraw from these islands and if they do so all their interests tomorrow they might be an easy prey to the gaudy vengeance of their countrymen.

Some few natives have been bold enough to swear allegiance to the United States; several of these were out and out rebels who only did so for the privilege of owning a schooner of which they loaded with contraband of war.

**ALLEGES CRUELTY.**

Walter K. Garner seeks a divorce on that ground.

Walter K. Garner of Kingsburg, yes-

terday brought suit, through George Cowger as his attorney, against Grace M. Garner for a divorce. The couple were married in 1892, but have no children.

Garner alleges as the ground for the separation extreme cruelty.

He charged that his wife tanned him, beat him, and he does claim

that she has caused him a great deal of mental anguish, which he considers

was very cruel on her part. She caused him mental anguish by repeatedly threatening to leave him and in

divers other ways.

**BARRIERS HOUSES**

**THE FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK OF FRESNO.**

Capital paid up.....\$300,000

Surplus and undivided profits...155,000

Interest paid.....\$15,000

Bankers—Webster Bros., Druggists.

Many a Lover

Has turned with disgust from an other-

wise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tea

purifies the breath by its action on the

bowels, etc., as nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25 cents and 50 cents. For sale by Webster Bros., druggists.

Young Mothers.

Croup is the terror of thousands of

young mothers because its outbreak is

so agonizing and frequently fatal. Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cut acts

like magic in cases of croup. It